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DPW Director Hotaling at FBA Meeting

Leslie A. Hotaling, Director of the D.C. Department of Public Works, will be the featured speaker at the September 24 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association.

All residents are invited and welcome to attend; it is set for 7:00 p.m. (note earlier time) at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Hotaling has served as DPW Director since February, having been named interim director in July, 2000. Her appointment caps long service in DPW, in posts in strategic planning, solid waste management, and public space maintenance.

While Interim Director, Hotaling worked on the Neighborhood Services Initiative, with multi-agency teams, to improve DPW's front-line operations. Other areas receiving her attention were elements of the "Clean City" program—trash collection, street and alley cleaning, sanitation education and inspection, parking enforcement and auto removal.

As Director, she has placed emphasis on using technology to improve all of DPW's operations, as well as instituting performance-based management practices to improve service and increase accountability.

Plan to attend to meet and hear from Hotaling, who heads the D.C. department most frequently affecting our neighborhood.

GWU Sues and Grows

By Michael Thomas

Having been told in February by the Board of Zoning Adjustment that it must offer more on-campus housing to undergraduates before it grew again, The George Washington University instead made commitments to enroll hundreds of additional undergraduates, and then sued, claiming that any constraint on its growth violated its constitutional rights. The battle is now back in the BZA.

On February 13 of this year, the BZA announced its decision on the pending application by GWU for approval of its Foggy Bottom campus plan for the years 2001 through 2010. The BZA granted GWU's request for an overall enrollment limit of 20,000 students, some 3,500 more than were enrolled in the 1999-2000 school year. However, GWU was told that before it could add full-time undergraduate students to those already enrolled, it would have to make available on-campus housing for 70% of such students. Until it had done so, it could not apply for approval of plans to construct any buildings that were not at least 50% dedicated to student housing.

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Olga Corey, FBA Board Member and FBNews Ad Manager, died in her sleep on Sunday, September 9, of natural causes. In addition to her work on the Board and the newspaper, Olga chaired the FBA's 40th Anniversary Committee, and was well known for her liaison activities with many local groups, including the GWU Student Association. She was an untiring Foggy Bottom booster, and usually sported a large Foggy Bottom button on her lapel. See the November issue of the News for a long article on Olga and her contributions to Foggy Bottom. A service will be scheduled for later in October. Call 337-5528 for details.

ANC-2A Appeals 1957 E Street Decisions

By Elizabeth Elliott

On July 12, in response to ANC-2A's appeal to overturn Zoning Administrator Michael Johnson's decision granting George Washington University a building permit for its 1957 E Street site, the Board of Zoning Adjustment issued a very clear written order concerning the GWU-owned property and its attendant Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning.

In one part of its "Conclusions of Law and Opinion" in Appeal #16701, the BZA wrote: **"There is no evidence in this case that the Zoning Commission or any other participant in the PUD process ever consid-**

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FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker:

Leslie A. Hotaling
Director

D.C. Department of Public Works

Monday, October 24, 2001

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:00 p.m.

(Note Earlier Time)

(Next meeting: Monday, October 29, 2001)

Update

New IMF Building Debated at ANC

The plans of the International Monetary Fund, to erect a new office building at 19th and Pennsylvania, have been the subject of heated discussion and frequent negotiation, centering around the bulk of the building and the substance of the "amenities"—or the lack thereof—being offered. The building will replace the current PEPCO building which was sold to IMF five years ago by George Washington University. The use of the building (which is located within the campus boundaries) by the international organization removes it from the tax rolls.

The IMF is seeking, through the Planned Unit Development process, a taller (130 vs. 90 ft.) and bulkier (10 v. 8.0 floor area ratio) than is allowed on the property under its current C-3-C zoning. In return for these excess development rights, the IMF is re-

quired to provide substantial "amenities" in the form of superior architectural design, landscaping and streetscaping, and other "uses of special value to the immediately impacted community (ANC-2A01) and the District of Columbia as a whole," etc. Amenities offered by the IMF so far have included design by noted architect Harry Cobb, a two-story public restaurant space fronting on Pennsylvania Avenue, a public international news stand, 112 projected new jobs, and a meeting facility and gallery available to the community.

At the July meeting of the ANC, the IMF presented the addition of the restaurant and the possibility of providing a one-time contribution of \$300,000 to a community fund for neighborhood beautification and other projects. The Commission was receptive to parts of the proposal but felt that the amenities offered by the IMF were much too small relative to the very

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Point of View

One Student Speaks

As president of the GWU Residence Hall Association, I represent the over 5400 students who live within university-owned and -operated housing. I have spent a great deal of time listening to community members (e.g., at FBA and ANC meetings) and have learned, contrary to popular belief, that the community genuinely cares about the welfare of GWU students.

But let's face it: the student lifestyle is unique and tends to be incompatible with the lifestyle of non-students. We stay up late, we shower in the middle of the night, and yes, we have parties. This can—and does—create conflict when students live outside of campus boundaries and in buildings where they are interspersed with non-student residents. I want you to know that, in almost every case, students do not intentionally try to be disruptive, but are only living the life of a college student.

It is important to keep the lines of communication open between the university and the Foggy Bottom community at large. However, in my opinion, the only way to truly resolve

Paul Sakwa

Paul Sakwa, longtime resident of the Elise on New Hampshire Avenue, passed away in early September; the cause of death is not known at this time. Raised in New York, Paul was of Russian descent and recalled childhood visits to Russia to visit relatives. He earned bachelor and graduate degrees in political science from Columbia University, and entered the service in World War II during graduate school.

He joined the Department of State, and held posts in South America and Europe such as labor attache in Brussels. He later joined the Central Intelligence Agency but, as he told his friend Jan Buntebart, resigned in protest

this issue is to provide more student housing within campus boundaries, where students can be among their peers and live college life to the fullest. I truly believe that all parties involved, including the university administration and members of the community, have the best interest of the students at heart, and want the Foggy Bottom community to be a place where all people can live, work, and study happily.

Noel C. Frame

over U.S. policy in Vietnam. He is survived by nieces, nephews, cousins and a sister-in-law.

Paul was one of those who helped deliver the FBN. Also, he has long been a presence at the Metro station, especially on holidays, greeting and directing visitors and tourists to the Mall monuments, the Kennedy Center, the university and to Georgetown. His longtime friend, Karen Carroll, who is a concierge at the Wyndham Hotel, called him the "concierge of the Foggy Bottom Metro Station."

Anneliese Kirby

Anne Kirby, 82, who resided at Columbia Plaza, died in April following heart bypass surgery. Born in Chemnitz, Germany, she was trained as a kindergarten teacher. After World War II she worked in England, Ireland and South Africa as an au pair, arriving in Washington in 1959. In the 1960s she was the alto soloist at Concordia Church (formerly in Foggy Bottom), married the choir director, Raymond Kirby, and later worshipped at St. Mary's Episcopal Church on 23rd St.

Sizzling Express Opens at Columbia Plaza

A new restaurant, Sizzling Express, is scheduled to open in late October in the Columbia Plaza complex. Featured will be hot and cold buffet offerings: breakfast items, pizza, hot sandwiches, burgers, soups, salads and pasta dishes. A diagram offered at a recent ANC meeting shows areas offering espresso & juice bar, deli, cold and hot bars, soup & noodle bar, gourmet areas, and sushi. Sizzling Express operates four other local restaurants; the owner, C.W. Chon, who requested and received ANC approval for a liquor license application, made an agreement not to offer Chinese food in deference to the long-established and popular Magic Gourd, also in the Plaza.

According to the Georgetown Current, the new establishment will be open from 6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will have seating for up to 90 persons, in addition to the outdoor tables and chairs in the Plaza.

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Melrose Welcomes Don Schoen

The new manager at the Melrose Hotel is **Donald Schoen**, who has moved all the way to the 24th and Pennsylvania Avenue hotel from the 21st and F Street State Plaza Hotel. Don was with the latter for nine years, six as general manager. He is a graduate of Penn State, and heads a new staff at the Melrose, which includes **Michael Christian**, food and beverage director, and **Elizabeth Schultz**, catering manager. The Melrose has hosted FBA meetings for several years, as well as occasional ANC meetings.

Columbia Plaza Drugstore Closes

Pharmacist and owner Milton Williams has shut down the Columbia Plaza Rx Superstore located in Columbia Plaza, which he has operated since 1976. The last day for the store was August 11, and friends and neighbors gathered in his honor at the Magic Gourd on August 31 to bid farewell to Williams, whom writer Joan Sugarman called a "Foggy Bottom Treasure" in a 1990 FBNews article.

Due to space limitations this month, a longer article on "Doc" Williams will appear in next month's issue.

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The Brunch is a major fund-raising event for the Court, and provides programs and services above and beyond the basic "room and board" for the residents. The funds raised enable the offering of exercise sessions, cultural field trips, lectures, creative writing, arts and craft classes. Also provided is an emergency prescription drug program, as well as home care aide services for frail, elderly residents.

The Court is located at 725 24th Street, N.W., and invites its Foggy Bottom neighbors to visit and participate in its activities, including its daily low-cost luncheons.

Don't Forget Our Schools: Sign Up at Safeway and Giant

Both Safeway and Giant are continuing their programs to provide equipment to local schools.

Safeway customers are asked to indicate where they shop the name of the school to which they want their purchases credited. Each time a customer uses his or her red Safeway card, the amount is applied to that school's needs.

Giant has a so-called bonus card similar to Safeway, and will credit purchases in the same way.

Please inquire at your grocery store about this program,

and remember the three schools in Foggy Bottom: School Without Walls Senior High School, Francis Junior High School, and Stevens Elementary School.

Line Up For Wursts, Strudel and Bargains United's Fall Sale

The annual Fall Sale and German Lunch, sponsored by The United Church, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, October 25 and 26. The event, famous for its hearty German fare (wursts, sauerkraut and hot potato salad, etc.) is served from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Regulars at the sale report that lines form early, especially at lunchtime. Also featured is a bake sale of German and other pastries and cakes.

The sale also offers a large array of clothing, furniture, household goods, toys, books, new gifts and more. Donations of goods or money are also accepted. Sale items can be taken

to the 20th Street entrance between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. weekdays prior to the sale. Proceeds benefit the social outreach programs of the church, which are extensive.

FBA Elects New Officers and Board

At the June 25 meeting, members of the new FBA Executive Board were elected. Taking over as President is **Jacqueline Lemire**; the new Vice President is **Barbara Spillinger**; **Ralph Burr** was elected Secretary; the new Treasurer is **Robert L. Vogt**, and **Craig Pascal** will serve as Membership Director.

Newly elected as at-large members of the Executive Board are **Steven Mandelbaum** and **Sol Shalit**. Re-elected to the Board were **Douglas Abbey**, **Rita V. Champagne**, and **Lucille Molinelli**. **Ellie Becker** and **Michael Thomas** remain on the Board ex officio as FBNews Editor and immediate Past President, respectively.

GWU, from page 1

GWU appealed the BZA order to the D.C. Court of Appeals, and also sued in the U.S. District Court, alleging that the BZA order, and so much of the campus plan regulations as would limit or condition enrollment growth, were unconstitutional and void. Before it filed its pleadings in the two courts, however, GWU had already committed to enrolling by far the largest freshman class in its history, voluntarily placing itself in violation of the BZA order.

Court Orders Stay on Limit

On June 15, U.S. District Court Judge Louis Oberdorfer entered an order which precluded enforcement of the housing ratio for the 2001-2002 school year, or until further order of the court. He was persuaded that GWU could not make a count of full-time undergraduate students as defined by the BZA as of February 13, even though the BZA had defined such students using terms proposed by GWU in the BZA hearings. He was also concerned about the applicants for admission, who had already made plans based upon GWU's admissions letters. He ordered that GWU provide a count of students tracking the terms of the BZA language by September 30. He also directed GWU to make the arguments made in his court to the D.C. Court of Appeals.

Case Sent Back to BZA

On July 31, the D.C. Court of Appeals granted a motion by the BZA that the case be remanded to it for further administra-

tive proceedings. The BZA had told the court that in light of the federal court action, it wanted "to determine whether the Board's control objective—the creation of more on-campus housing—could be achieved in some manner" other than that prescribed by the earlier BZA order. The BZA on August 3 established a schedule for its further consideration of the case. The Board urged the parties to attempt settlement by negotiation, and directed them to report to the Board on their progress by September 11. Fact-finding hearings were scheduled for September 17 and 21. By order dated August 8, the Board also directed GWU to answer in writing by August 31 a series of detailed questions concerning housing and plans for housing, the admissions process, and numbers of students meeting various criteria.

Two members of the BZA now sitting on this case (David Levy and Geoffrey Griffis) are new since the decision in February, and will have to read the entire record in order to participate in the decision on remand. One of the principal authors of the February decision, Robert Sockwell, is no longer on the Board. The term of the only Board member to vote against the critical provision requiring 70% on-campus housing, Sheila Cross Reid, expired in September. Depending upon the speed of the Board's proceedings and the promptness of a mayoral appointment to replace Ms. Reid, she may or may not be able to participate in the new decision.

[Ed. Note: Residents may wish to urge the Mayor not to delay in announcing a new Board member.]

Prompt BZA Decision Essential

The outcome, then, is not certain. However, the Board unanimously told the Court of Appeals that it wanted the case back, and that the purpose of the remand would be to allow adjustments to its order in line with the Board's "central objective—the creation of more on-campus housing." It also told the Court that delay was "likely to harm irreparably the effectuation of lawful public zoning laws and policies," in that GWU's "undergraduate population has burgeoned without any increase in on-campus housing," creating a crisis more serious "than the one that prompted the Board to act in the first place." Further, the Board's attorney called fallacious the assertion that housing ratios violated the students' rights under the Human Rights Act. It is clear that the Board has a strong sense of urgency, intending to act before GWU again sets admissions goals for the coming year, a process that gets under way in December.

The Foggy Bottom Association, through President Jacqueline Lemire, Vice President Barbara Spillinger, and board members Steven Mandelbaum and Sol Shalit, have participated in discussions with representatives of GWU, the Office of Planning, and the Advisory Neighborhood Commission. FBA is seeking ways to amend the earlier BZA order to eliminate or minimize litigation risk without diluting its effectiveness.

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Foggy Bottom Folks

Marjorie Wheatley, longtime resident of the Elise on New Hampshire Avenue, has moved to the Georgetown Senior Residence. She is still reading and caring about



Foggy Bottom, as evidenced by a recent call from her pointing out the latest story about GWU and the Zoning Commission in the Georgetown Current.

Celia Dalton, longtime parish secretary at St. Stephen Martyr Church, retired from that post late last year. Celia, who worked at the church for about 13 years, has moved to Mission Viejo, California, where her son lives. We all wish her many happy years in the Golden State. She will be missed.

Students at the School Without Walls on F Street continue to make the news with their achievements. **Sabrina Snell**, a "Walls" sophomore, was one of five grand prize winners at the D.C. Science, Mathematics and Technology Fair in March, and traveled to San Jose, California, for the international competition.

Four other students from the school had their literary works included in a small

book entitled "Urban Inkslingers" published by the National Museum for Women in the Arts. The book contains poetry by **Whitni Brown**, **Peta Lindsay**, **Scheheradade Folley-Regusters**, and **Celeste Kennel-Shank**.

Some months ago the law firm of **Patton Boggs**, at 2550 M Street, expanded the space it occupied in the building, taking over a dry cleaner's store, the Dove and Rainbow, and the Riggs Bank; the latter moved to a new location in the building. A former open-air passageway is now the building lobby, and the Dove and Rainbow space is now called the May Cafe, for the exclusive use of the law firm's employees. We wonder how many of them slip across the street from time to time to sample the hamburgers, etc., at **Marshall's** and the fare at **Donatello's**.

Speaking of local eating places, **Alliances Abroad** has relocated its offices from McLean, Virginia, to the 2400 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, and **Kevin Atkinson** is happy about the improved opportunities for luncheon fare. This company offers opportunities to "Study Abroad, Teach Abroad, Work Abroad and Volunteer Abroad." Many programs are offered during the summer, to allow persons to "explore your world" and learn about different cultures, including chances to work, learn and earn all at the same time. Volunteer community service, internships and language study are also available. The latest brochure offers

projects in France, Spain, Argentina, London, Australia, Norway, Mexico, Thailand, Brazil, Guatemala, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Ghana, and two special study courses in Florence, Italy. **Alliances Abroad** is included among those offering a discount to Foggy Bottom members.

Janet Axtell, longtime resident of FB and Potomac Plaza, has moved to Asbury Village in Gaithersburg. She held three neighborhood positions: at Watergate West, Potomac Plaza, and for many, many years, a major helper with the Foggy Bottom News, delivering to all the Watergate buildings and retailers. She will be missed; it's "no bet" that she'll soon be involved in community matters way out there in the burbs.

Foggy Bottom has also lost, to the State of Florida, former resident and longtime FB booster **Kirsten Olsen**. Kirsten, prior to a move to the Virginia suburbs, was active in the FBA and a contributor to the News. She now lives in Tallahassee, and is Assistant Director of Land Sales, Condominiums and Mobile Homes for the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations. Her



new position involves communications, and her schooling and past work experience will serve her well in that role. Her late mother was **Betty Olsen**, who wrote columns for the News and "contributed mightily to the paper's aim of keeping the neighborhood feeling."

That torrential Saturday "rain that was" managed to do damage to various parts of Foggy Bottom, including the Newman Center on F Street, and to two of our favorite retail establishments. For **Watergate Gallery and Frame Design**, in the Watergate Mall, it resulted in the loss of carpeting, several pieces of art, and framing materials. Several inches of water rushed in from the mall from the front of the store to the back, and on into the garage in back of the store. Fortunately, owner **Dale Johnson** says, they were able to save most of the art on display.

Across the mall, at **Watergate Wine & Beverage**, they were able to halt most of the flow of water into the store by stuffing paper and other materials under the doors. According to owner **James Kang**, some cartons of wine got wet in the storeroom, and he lost several bottles of wine.

FB and Queen Anne's Lane have lost another longtime resident to a complex on Military Road. **Grace Watson** has sold her home in the Lane and has joined Mary and Robert Brewster in apartment living. Grace served on the FBA Executive Board and was the first person elected

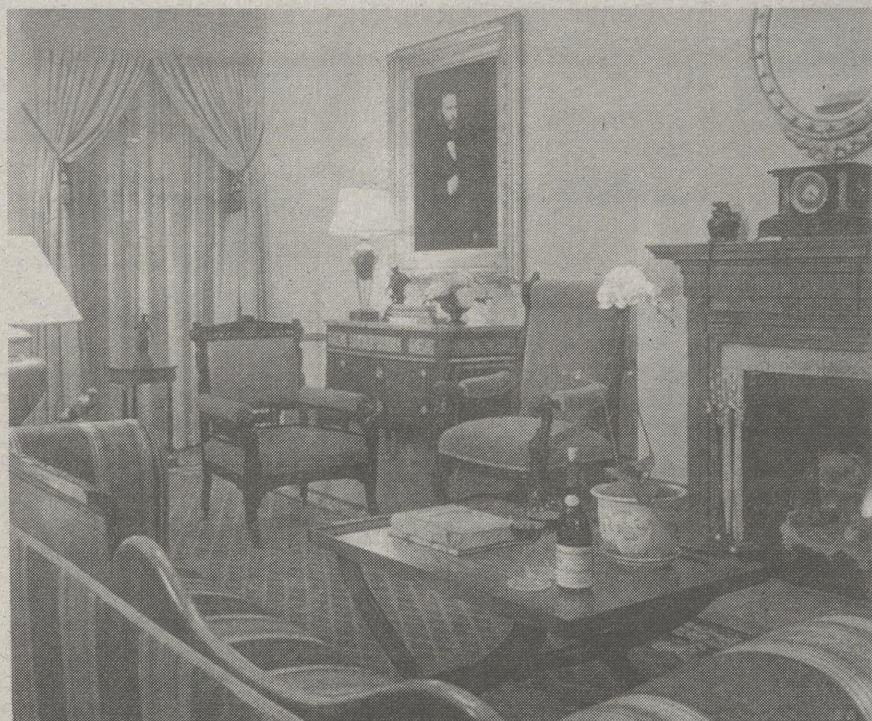


Membership Director. Prior to her retirement she was with the U.S. Department of Education.

And earlier this year **Wiley** and **Jayne Chambers** returned to their Queen Anne's Lane home, bringing with them son **Wesley**. He has owned the home since he was in college at GW, some 20 years ago. He is now a physician, and neighbors think it most convenient that Wesley arrived just about the time that the "Tot Lot" play equipment arrived at the 26th Street Park.

A familiar face looked out from the Post Business section recently. It was **Robert Alcorn**, longtime resident of the Swarthmore on 25th Street. Bob was one of a group of travel agents picketing at Reagan National Airport, protesting the airlines' commission cuts. Bob, who was active some years ago in the FBA, was at one time the neighborhood watch head. His background (born in Austria) and travel experience were especially helpful to

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Recently entering the quasi-retired life is **Monika Bernstein**, who lives in Columbia Plaza. After many years with Exxon, she has returned parttime to an earlier employer, a law firm, handling translations of documents from and into German. She describes herself as gainfully-retired, but enjoys the less structured workdays (as well as the income).

WG Gallery to Feature Bill D'Italia

All during the month of October, the Watergate Gallery and Frame Design shop will be displaying the paintings of Foggy Bottom artist William (Bill) D'Italia. The exhibition, entitled "Panoramas," highlights his scenes of various neighborhoods in Washington including, of course, our own area. D'Italia has visited these

scenes with paintbrush in hand, preferring to paint on site and capture the flavor of the location. His work lets you glance across the rooftops of a neighborhood and delight in the architectural elements and landscapes which contribute to its charm.

The exhibit, running from October 2-30, will feature a reception on Friday, October 5, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. For info call 338-4488. Gallery owner Dale Johnson

invites FBNews readers to stop by and enjoy Bill's work.

Don Morency Joins ANC-2A

There's a new Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner in town. His name is **Donald Morency**, who succeeds Jim Patterson who resigned in order to handle some family responsibilities. Morency, a native of Salem, Massachusetts and a graduate of Boston College, has lived in Watergate East for five years, and prior to that lived in

plexity of issues facing the neighborhood.

Following the census report and the redistricting of Ward 2, some changes have been proposed in the boundaries of ANC-2A's Single Member Districts. Details on the new areas will be covered in a later edition of the News.

New Local Bus Service Started

The Georgetown Metro Connection has initiated two shuttle routes linking Georgetown with the Foggy Bottom, Dupont Circle and Rosslyn Metro Stations. Route 1 travels from 35th & Wisconsin Avenue (just north of Whitehaven Parkway), south on Wisconsin to K Street, and east to Washington Circle and the Foggy Bottom Metro. Another route travels from Rosslyn across Key Bridge and east on M Street, Pennsylvania Avenue, L Street and north on New Hampshire to Dupont Circle. The return trip, due to one-way streets, is made on M Street.

The buses, which Ken Gray describes as dark royal blue, leave every 10 minutes; Monday-Thursday, 7:00 a.m.-midnight; Friday until 2:00 a.m.; Saturday, from 8:00-2:00 a.m., and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. to midnight. The fare is 50c one way, and 25c with a Metrorail transfer, and the buses serve all Metrobus stops in Georgetown. For more information, call 625-RIDE.



Columbia Plaza. He calls himself "semi-retired," leaving the Navy with the rank of Captain, then working in the aerospace industry and founding his own consulting firm. He has been active in Republican political affairs, and has a special interest in many Navy and Marine Corps organizations, including the Navy League, Reserve Officers Association, and Navy Art Foundation.

His first ANC meeting, he said, acquainted him quickly to the multiplicity and com-

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ered that the proposed PUD would be used, in whole or part, for university uses, a distinct type of institutional use recognized by the Zoning Regulations." In its written Order, the BZA granted ANC-2A's appeal, reversing Mr. Johnson's December 28 decision and effectively vacating (i.e., rescinding/treminating) GWU's building permit.

No Stop-Work Order Issued

On July 23, the ANC requested David Clark, Director of the D.C. Department of Consumer & Regulatory Affairs, to issue the now-required stop-work order. The order would remain in effect until GWU requested and received a new public hearing for a modification of the PUD and would be lifted only if the hearing resulted in a favorable order for GWU. The ANC also requested that Mr. Clark confirm the ANC's understanding that no further permits could be approved for this project.

Not only has ANC-2A never received a reply from Mr. Clark, but Mr. Johnson has also publicly claimed that the BZA order overturning his permit decision is unclear and he has refused to order the work stopped. DCRA has issued numerous additional permits for the project, all in violation of the July 12 BZA order.

GWU's Motions Defeated in Tie Vote

GWU, a party to the appeal case as the property owner, filed a July 20 "Motion for Reconsideration and to Reopen the Record" with the BZA, which held a July 31 meeting to consider both parts of the motion. At that meeting, the BZA voted two-to-two which, under Roberts Rules of Order, should have denied the motion and returned the project to the Zoning Commission for review. In a highly improper maneuver, BZA Chair Sheila Cross Reid refused to accept the final vote. She then announced that the BZA would ask a Zoning Commission member to sit in on a hastily-scheduled August 3 meeting and revote the two-part motion.

ANC-2A's continuing position is that every action taken by the BZA since the July 31 tie vote has been improper because the BZA's role in the case was over at that point and that GW continues to build illegally on the site.

Zoning Commission Says BZA Order Correct

On August 21, in another specially scheduled hearing before the Zoning Commission, GWU attempted one last time to avoid a PUD modification hearing by requesting placement of the project as they are constructing it on the Consent Calendar. This attempt failed

when the members of the Zoning Commission voted unanimously that the original BZA order was correct and that GWU must come now before it in a public hearing to determine the fate of the project.

At that hearing, the ANC stated that it is continuing settlement talks with GW on both the Campus Plan and the 1957 E Street project. ANC also said it will take no position on a "agreement" that GW entered into with the West End Citizens Association, and that such an "agreement" will not influence or bind the ANC in any way.

The ANC's position that the 1957 E Street project is out of order and should have a public hearing has been consistent since April 2000 and that position has now been upheld by both the BZA and the Zoning Commission. The issue of GW's deliberate, unauthorized change in use and reckless construction on the site before these matters were clarified begs to be addressed.

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large, ongoing benefits the IMF would be receiving from the upzoned PUD. There is also the additional matter of the multi-million dollar security costs to the District relat-

ing to the threatened demonstrations during the IMF-World Bank meetings at the end of September.

After the IMF presentation at the July meeting, the Commissioners presented a draft proposal for the establishment of a Foggy Bottom Renewal Corporation which could be funded by annual donations from the IMF over a ten-year period. Some of the suggested potential projects for the FBRC would be studies to assist the Office of Planning's efforts to protect neighborhoods and housing, parking and traffic analyses of the FB/WE area, environmental and air quality studies and reports, improvements at Stevens School and at the West End Library, and other projects.

Discussions between the ANC and the IMF continue, with both groups working to come to an agreement to benefit all concerned.

GW Houses Students in Two Hotels

In order to house the heavy influx of new students, George Washington University negotiated a 15-year lease for the entire St. James Suites on 24th Street, and leased for three years 80 of the 143 units at the

Pennsylvania House. Over 700 additional beds are being made available in the two buildings, according to the GW Hatchet, 543 in the newly named City Hall and 164 at the Pennsylvania Avenue location. The majority of the rooms will be occupied by three students; doubles in the Hall on Virginia Avenue were changed to house three as well.

The use of this hotel space was prompted by an unusually high percentage of affirmative responses to the admissions process. According to newspaper reports, many other universities in this country, including Howard University in D.C., are experiencing similar overcrowding, having to house students in off-campus hotels. The St. James Suites is termed a luxury hotel, geared to occupancy by business travelers. The owner will continue to pay property taxes, but the city will lose hotel and sales taxes and other spending by hotel customers. Pennsylvania House contains longterm residents and furnished apartments used as hotel rooms, in addition to the rooms leased by the University for student use.

The influx of students has affected classroom space and class size as well. The GW Hatchet, in an editorial entitled "Bandaged Campus," repeated its June 1999 statement that the university should either "curb the growing population or take more measures to accommodate it." The editors also stated: "Despite arguments to the contrary, GW does not have enough classroom space" and it needs to arrange for more classrooms and for increased dining space.

Square 43 Plans Revealed

In conversations with FB resident Don Kreuzer, GW has revealed some tentative plans for its proposed dormitory on the property bounded by Virginia Avenue, 23rd, 24th and G Streets, N.W. (Kreuzer owns three houses at the corner of 23rd and Virginia Avenue, and the new building will be built flush against his houses.)

Kreuzer also indicated they revealed plans to build townhouses replacing the

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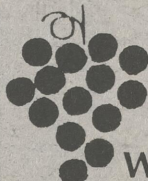
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The dormitory plans are not in final form, but when finalized will be presented to the Zoning Commission for a PUD in the near future. The proposed dorm would house 720 students, be nine stories tall (one story higher than the Remington on the same block); and incorporate a restaurant and other facilities for students.

Entrances to the building would be at the corner of 23rd and G Streets and another facing the Smith Center on 23rd.

Kennedy Center Changes Under Way

Construction has begun which will make major changes in the ways in and out of the Kennedy Center, both for pedestrians and automobiles. The first change was the closing of the ramp, just prior to the Roosevelt Bridge, from the Whitehurst Freeway via

the Potomac River Expressway. Earlier F Street, and 25th Street which runs from Virginia Avenue adjacent to the Saudi Arabian Embassy, were reconfigured.

In October, a new traffic circulation plan will be implemented which will require all buses and trucks to enter the Center via New Hampshire Avenue and exit via the new F Street/25th Street roadway to Juarez Circle. Passenger vehicles can use either New Hampshire Avenue or F Street/25th Street.

In November (depending on weather and work accomplished) will see the greatest change to traffic patterns, as all traffic will access the Center via F/25th or from Rock Creek Parkway. From this point on New Hampshire Avenue will provide only limited access to the A level of the new north garage addition.

Total construction time for the two new garages and related site improvements will require about two years.

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Monarch Hotel Promotes Kevin Blake

Kevin P. Blake has been named by the Monarch Hotel at 24th & M Streets as Director of Food & Beverage; he had served as executive sous chef there since July 1994. Earlier Blake worked at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, and Joe Theissman's in Falls Church; his first food service experience was as a cook at McDonald's at age 13.

Under the direction of Blake and Alex Velasquez, The Bistro's chef, the Monarch has "devised a solution for diners who may find it impossible to choose just one" seasonal soup. Soups will be served in shot glasses—"think appetizer or taste test." Beginning October 1, the colorful soups, prepared from an assortment of vegetables, will be presented in "flights" of five tastings and accompanied by hearty breads and rolls, priced at \$10. Eight soups will be featured, made from beets, corn, spinach, squash, eggplant, asparagus, or potato.

Blake has provided the recipe for one of the soups, continuing the News' series of tasty menus from Foggy Bottom/West End restaurants.

Butternut Squash & Lemon Grass Bisque

- 3 lbs. butternut squash
- 1/2 lb. white onions
- 1/4 lb carrots
- 1/4 lb. celery
- 1 oz. extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 oz. garlic chopped
- 1 oz. shallots, chopped
- 1 lb. fresh lemongrass, wrapped in cheesecloth and tied with string
- 64 oz. chicken stock
- 32 oz. heavy cream



Maria Tyler

- 1/2 oz. basil
- 1/2 oz. ground cinnamon
- 1/2 oz. ground sea salt

Peel and seed the butternut squash. Dice and set aside. Peel and dice all other vegetables and set aside. Heat olive oil in a large stockpot. Add garlic, squash, shallots, carrots, onions and celery. Cook slowly. Add lemongrass and remaining ingredients. Bring to a boil and cook until well blended. Strain in a fine colander. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

FBA Recognizes Maria Tyler's "Miracles"

At the June meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association, Maria Tyler was presented with a framed parchment applauding her extensive contributions to the Foggy Bottom neighborhood. Captioned "Maria the Miracle Maker," it noted six of her successful projects: the designation of the Foggy Bottom Historic District; establishment of the bus ban; saving of the Cooper Houses; the improved Whitehurst Freeway; installation of brick sidewalks in our neighborhood; and the overlay which lowered the zoning for the Historic District.

Tyler resides on 25th Street and has been the Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner for the Historic District and several nearby blocks for many years.

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Neighborhood Datebook

Monday, September 24: Foggy Bottom Association meeting, with Leslie Hotaling, Director, Department of Public Works, as featured speaker. All residents welcome. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., 7:00 p.m. +

Wednesday, September 26: "Ovarian Cancer: Risk Factors, Early Detection, and Treatment Strategies," presented by Jeffrey Lin, M.D., Obstetrics and Gynecology Dept. GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W., 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, September 30: St. Mary's Court's 7th Annual Sunday Brunch, featuring a silent auction, raffle, entertainment and fantastic brunch. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. Tickets for this major Court fundraiser are \$30; for info and reservations call 223-5712. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 11:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m. +

Tuesday, October 2: Opening of exhibit, entitled "Panoramas," of paintings by Foggy Bottom artist William D'Italia. Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue in the Watergate Mall. For info call 338-4488. Gallery hours: Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. +

Wednesday, October 3: "Artist and Teacher as Provocateur," an interview with Michael Kahn of the Folger Shakespeare Theatre, Shakespeare Theatre in the Lansburgh, and other artistic venues. Susan Davidson of Washingtonian Magazine will celebrate and toast his 15th anniversary with Folger and also his community service. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$15; public, \$20. 7:00 p.m. *

Wednesday, October 3: "New Technologies for Early Breast Cancer Detection," presented by Rachel Brem, M.D., Director of Breast Imaging and Intervention. GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 4: Flu Vaccine Program for seniors, sponsored by IONA Senior Services, will be available at St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. +

Friday, October 5: Opening reception for artist William D'Italia's exhibition at Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. in the Watergate Mall. 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 6: Sidewalk sale of furniture and electrical appliances. The United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. For info call 331-1495. 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Saturday-Sunday, October 6-7: Two different "Songbirds" concerts, featuring seasoned and distinguished jazz and cabaret singers. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$20, public, \$25; both concerts, members, \$38, public \$47. 7:00 p.m. *

Monday, October 8: "An Evening with William Christenberry," noted painter, sculptor and photographer, whose work includes photographs from the Nature

Conservancy's Last Great Places. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$10; public, \$15. 7:00 p.m. *

Thursday, October 11: "New Treatment for Osteoporosis," presented by John Brunson, M.D., NeuroInterventionist (sponsored by Senior Advantage). GW Hospital Auditorium, 901 23rd Street, N.W. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Thursday-Sunday, October 11-14: "Stop Kiss," a contemporary love story with a sense of humor and mystery by Diana Son, presented by the GW Department of Theatre and Dance. Marvin Center Theater, 800 21st Street, N.W. (enter on H Street). For info and reservations call 994-6178. \$10; students & seniors, \$8. (Season tickets for 3 plays, 1 musical and 2 dance concerts also available.) 7:30 p.m.; Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Friday, October 12: "Spain in the Heart 2001/Musical Theater," a cabaret-style celebration of Hispanic heritage with arias from zarzuela (Spanish musical theatre). Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. FINS members, \$17; public, \$20. 8:00 p.m. *

Sunday, October 14: Concert, featuring Iceland's foremost musicians, Bjorn Thoroddsen and Jon Rafnsson with Canadian colleague Richard Gillis, in connection with the gallery's exhibition "Icelandic Art of the 20th Century." Reception follows. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$15; public, \$20. 6:30 p.m. *

Tuesday, October 16: "An Evening with Michael Kaiser," discussion by the new President of the Kennedy Center of his experiences "backstage and in the boardroom" and his plans and dreams for the Center and the arts in Washington. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$12; public, \$16. 7:00 p.m. *

Wednesday, October 17: Foggy Bottom/West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A meeting. For info and location, call 736-1775. 7:00 p.m.

Monday, October 22: "Architectural Furniture: An Evening with Winthrop Faulkner." The distinguished Washington architect presents a slide talk about the furniture of past masters, shares his personal stories about them, and describes his own contemporary pieces. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$8; public \$12. 7:00 p.m. *

Wednesday, October 24: Talk by Stephen May on "Thomas Eakins: American Realist," including his work, the controversies he aroused, and the qualities which make his work great. Corcoran Gallery of Art, 500 17th Street, N.W. Members, \$10; public, \$14. 7:00 p.m. *

Wednesday-Thursday, October 24-25: The annual Fall Sale & German Luncheon, featuring hearty German fare, bake sale and huge white elephant sale. Food service is from 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. and 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Note: folks line up early!!) United Church, 1920 G Street, N.W. 11:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. +

+See article on this listing elsewhere in this issue.

*For info and reservations, call 639-1770.

Flu Shots Set for St. Mary's Court

The annual flu vaccine program for seniors (60 or older), sponsored by IONA Senior Services, will take place at St. Mary's Court on Thursday, October 4 and Tuesday, November 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For those with Medicare and Part B insurance, there is no charge. Otherwise, a \$10 contribution is requested. No registration is needed. Call 966-1055 for information. The Court is located at 725 24th Street, N.W.

Neighborhood Action Summit Set

The second Citizen Summit, part of the Mayor's Neighborhood Action initiative, will be held on Saturday, October 6, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Washington Convention Center, 900 9th Street, N.W.

The meeting presents an opportunity for citizens to express opinions about the priorities our city's government should focus on and provide financing for. A meeting held June 7 at Francis School brought together Foggy Bottom/West End residents who chose the containment of GWU and other large institutions as their first priority.

Space at the summit and an opening reception on October 4 is limited. Call 727-0882 or go to www.neighborhoodaction.dc.gov to register.

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